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Marconi in bid to save Milan

Marconi and the Victorian Soccer Federation are trying hard this week to save the proposed tour by Italian league leader AC Milan.

The tour was put in jeopardy when the NSW Federation refused to play against the brilliant Italians.

All looked lost until "Soccer Action" contacted Marconi president **Tony Labbozetta** seeking help to salvage the tour.

Mr Labbozetta said Marconi was willing to play against Milan, even if the Federation was not.

Then began negotiations on the match fee and on creating a free weekend for the match.

So if the Milan tour comes off after all — and it is not yet certain — Italian soccer fans have Marconi and the Victorian Soccer Federation to thank for it.

Milan, the club of **Gianni Rivera**, agreed to tour for three matches for a total of \$150,000.

Negotiations with Milan were conducted by VSF chairman **Michael Weinstein** who is also vice-president of the Australian Soccer Federation.

The VSF took the lion's share of responsibility, agreeing to pay \$50,000 towards the total cost. NSW was to contribute \$45,000 and South Australia \$25,000. Victoria was willing to underwrite the game in Adelaide.

When NSW "chickened out", Victoria faced the choice of paying the entire \$150,000 which would have been unthinkable, or asking Milan to come here for only

By
LAURIE SCHWAB

one match to which Milan would certainly not have agreed.

Weinstein spoke angrily against the NSW Federation for withdrawing its support for the tour. He argued quite rightly that Sydney had an Italian population big enough to make the Sydney game profitable.

More to the point, if NSW is not willing to gamble on a great club like Milan, it will never gamble on anything, meaning the Sydney public will continue to be served touring teams that are below top class.

• Meanwhile, Aston Villa has cancelled its proposed tour of the Middle East and Australia because it would have taken too long.



Two goals in the all-Greek derby between Heidelberg and South Melbourne last Sunday. Above: Branislav Buljevic (left) has Jack Reilly going the wrong way to put Heidelberg ahead 1-0. Top: Duncan Cummings (left) back-heels past Yakkia Banovic for the equaliser at 2-2. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE

• Former Socceroo Billy Vojtek made a brilliant start to his career as player-coach by leading Ajax to victory over Slavia in the Victorian Ampol Cup final. Vojtek (front, centre) is pictured with, from left: Ian McCarthy, Steve Carr, Peter Donaldson and Dave Perkin (both obscured), John Cain, Stan Klein, John Patten and an Ampol official.

Heidelberg United has been negotiating secretly for an Australian tour by giant Greek club, AEK Athens.

After an Athens newspaper carried a story about the negotiations at the weekend, Heidelberg president **Jim Mangopolous** admitted that the tour was a strong possibility.

He said he had been talking with AEK president **Loukas Barlos**.

Originally, AEK asked for too much money, but finally a lower amount was agreed upon and further negotiations will determine when AEK would make its trip and how many games it would play here.

However, the experience of the past has shown it is very difficult to tie a Greek team down to a firm commitment. What is certain is that the tour would be a tremendous hit with Greek people in Australia.

Obviously the co-operation of the ASF and Philips League is essential for the tour to go ahead, as the PSL competition would have to be interrupted for at least one weekend.

AEK is in third position in the Greek championship after having beaten Panathinaikos 2-1 last weekend. Aris is first with 41 points and AEK is two points behind.

AEK features the great **Papaloukoussis**, the league's top scorer **Mavros** who has notched 20 goals so far, Yugoslav international **Dusan Bojevic**, striker **Nikoloudis**, Uruguayan international **Viera**, Greek international **Ravousis** who was here with the Greek national team in 1978, forward-midfielder **Ardizoglu** and the Cypriot **Tosos** who spent time with the Arsenal reserves in England.

Coach is **Andreas Stamadiatis** who replaced **Francesc Puskas** recently.

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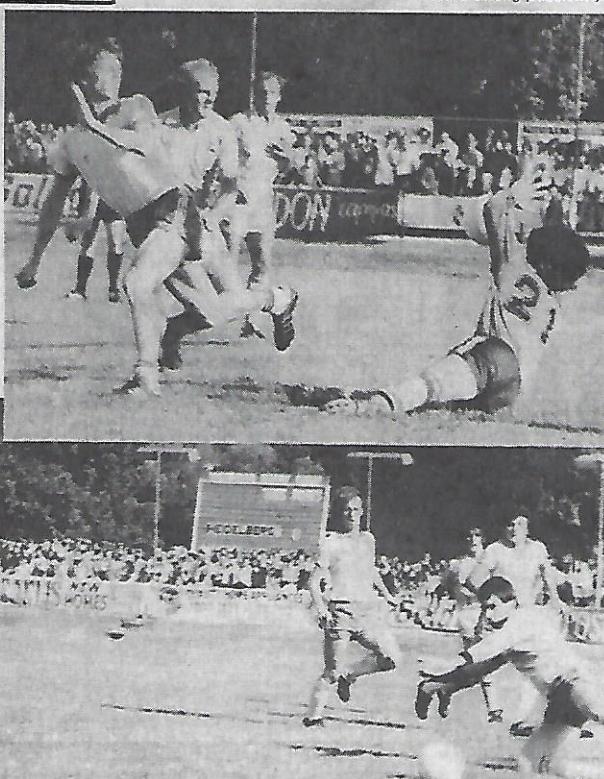
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Athens
giant
set to
tour?



Vojtek's men take Cup, thanks to Lou Denys

AJAX 1 (5-3 on pens) SLAVIA 1

Scorers: Vojtek (A) 102nd, Paton (S) 108th.

Ground: Olympic Park.

Crowd: 1100.

Weather: Cool.

Caution: Perkin (A).

Referee: Mike Gault 9.

Ratings:

GREEN GULLY AJAX:

Denys 9, Donaldson 6, Klarin 8, Cain 8, Patten 8, Vojtek 6, Vassallo 4, McCarthy 5, Segi 7, Carr 2, Perkin 9.

PRAHRAN SLAVIA:

McDonald 4, Thompson 6, Westley 7, Yzendoorn 9, Pye 6

injured (Whiteside 80th min), Brindle 5 (Monaghan 103rd min), Train 7, Tuff 8, Williams 7, Aldridge 8, Paton 8. Total: 77.

It would come as no surprise at all if Green Gully Ajax supporters called for goalkeeper Lou Denys to receive a knighthood.

It was Denys, the man who

said he had 'lost his confidence' a month ago, who won the 1979 Ampol Cup for Ajax.

Forget about all the pre-match

planning, the near misses and the

action during 110 minutes of

play. When it all boiled down, it

was Denys' brilliant save from

Brian Monaghan during the pen-

alty showdown which won the

cup for Green Gully.

Denys dived low to his left to

stop Monaghan's spot kick

which clinched a victory on pen-

alties by a 5-3 margin. Alex

McPherson saved his first shot,

but was judged to have moved.

Perkin made no mistake the

second time.

Apart from his inspired perfor-

mance in the showdown, Denys was a hero with some of

the saves he made during the game.

The story of the Ampol Cup

final is more complex when all is

revealed.

For most of the encounter, the

teams were wrestling rather than

assaulting one another. The de-

fensive strategies of both

coaches were successful, and

key players were blunted and

the game was a tight affair.

Ajax player-coach Bill Vojtek

did a major re-organisation in his

backbone.

Speedy full back John Paton

was assigned the job of marking

Slavia and state forward Jamie

Paton, and centre back Mick

Klarin given the task of shadow-

ing centre forward Steve Aldridge.

Right back Peter Donaldson

had to block winger Jim Wil-

liams.

The reshuffle meant Ajax didn't

have a left back. Slavia didn't

play with an orthodox right wing-

er, but midfielder Jim Train often

burst through down that flank.

To counter this, Vojtek had

John Cain as the loose man in

defence and instructed midfielder

Ian McCarthy to play a defen-

sive role on the left.

Slavia coach Harry Chalkitis'

main play was to put midfielder

Brian Tuff onto Vojtek. Centre

back Glenn Westley marked

striker Steve Carr and right back

Frank Thompson held a tight

reign on Perkin.

At the end of the night, Brian

Tuff emerged as the best 'police-

man'.

Tuff put Vojtek completely out

of business after the opening 15

minutes when Vojtek made a few

runs from the midfield and twice

sent good passes to striker Andy

Segi.

Tuff stuck to Vojtek like glue

and cut the number of times he

was in position to receive the ball.

Credit to Tuff for the way he didn't

lose his opponent, who is much faster

and more mobile.

However, Vojtek escaped long enough to fire home a vital goal in the second half of extra time. The Ajax player/coach latched onto a defensive clearance in the Slavia area and blasted the ball past

goalkeeper Alex McPherson.

But Tuff shouldn't be blamed

for Vojtek scoring, as it was the poor

clearance that gave Vojtek the opportunity.

The duals between Patten and

Paton and Klarin and Aldridge

finished all square. The Slavia strikers weren't given the space or time to create havoc as they did against Croydon City in the semi-finals.

The defenders did their jobs well in this respect, but still Aldridge and Paton created several good chances for goals, only to be thwarted by Denys or, as on two occasions, the woodwork.

Jim Williams won his battle

with Donaldson but it had no

great bearing on the game. Aldridge wasn't 'skinned', but Williams did get away a few times.

However, Williams had over a few

feet across, and on most occasions beat Donaldson too far

up the field to immediately threaten the Ajax goal.

Credit for this must go to the

other Ajax players on the right

side who pressured Williams if he

looked dangerous.

Frank Thompson over-

shadowed Perkin, which forced

the striker to switch flanks with

Andy Segi. However, Perkin had a serviceable game.

Steve Carr must be awarded the points for his fight with Westley. In the end, however, Carr deserved it but wasn't mobile enough to handle the Ajax forward on the ground.

But the man-of-the-match was

Ian McCarthy. He was unbesch

table as a defensive player and

creative as an attacker. All night,

McCarthy hit diagonal balls to

players in space, was there to

back up other midfielders in trou-

ble, and had the grittiest deter-

mination to win the hard-ba-

ll. He deserved two Ampol Cup

winner's medals for his contribu-

tion.

With Lou Denys, McCarthy is the man whose ability and guts sent the Ampol Cup to St Albans for the first time.

At the other end of the scale, he

Willie Vassallo did very little. He

has struggled throughout the

Ampol Cup series and his future

must be in the balance.

Slavia had John Yzendoorn as

its best player. He gave the

defence solidarity, as well as

creativity.

Slavia came back to finish stronger.

Of course, in the extra time period, it was hell-for-leather as both teams gave their all. It was only in added time that the game developed a quick tempo.

Slavia's best chances came in the 50th minute. Paton heads against the bar and Westley pushes the ball towards the open goal, only to see Denys scramble a save. In the 53rd minute (Aldridge) scores. In behind, the Ajax defence, only to find Denys save from close range and the 97th minute (Aldridge) shot hits the post after a ball from Paton.

Ajax had excellent chances in the 33rd minute (Segi) rushes a shot wide of goal after a flick by Carr, the 35th minute (Segi) misses an open goal after Yzendoorn was robbed with (McPherson) stranded. Perkin, who was shaping to finish off the goal, was furious with Segi and in the 58th minute (full back) Dave Pye heads off the line after Carr had chipped over McPherson.

But McPherson did make two good saves late in the game to restore his credibility slightly.

By my reckoning each team had five great goal-scoring chances, apart from the extra time goals which they scored. Slavia's came in the second stage of the game, while Ajax had several in the first. This is a good indication of the balance of the game. Ajax started well, but

A mis-kick in the Ajax defence started the trouble. Paton missed his clearance, and with Cain out of position, Paton was through. The lethal goallighter rammed the ball past Denys.

The penalty showdown went like this:

1-0 Vojtek (A)
1-1 Paton (S)
2-1 McCarthy (A)
2-2 Williams (S)
3-2 Carr (A)
3-3 Train (S)
4-3 Segi (A)
4-3 Monaghan (S)
5-3 Perkin (S)

The crowd for the final was disappointing and the Victorian Soccer Federation will be hoping next season's final will be between two well-supported clubs.

Last over 7000 people saw an exciting game between Preston Makedonia and Essendon Croatia. A 2-2 draw, followed by penalties which saw Croatia take the Cup were enough to keep the fans happy.

But when about 1000 fans dwarfed by large stands, the atmosphere doesn't do justice to a cup final. — KYLE PATERSON.

Kids' Cup to Nunawading

Nunawading City won the Victorian Junior Ampol Cup for under 13s on Saturday night by beating Moreland 3-0.

Andrew Cullen scored two of the goals and Rocky Lescic notched the third.



Stars for Doveton opening

A select XI from Dandenong City, Doveton and Springvale City (Vic.) will take on Croydon in a game to mark the opening of Doveton's new ground at Warratah Reserve.

The new pitch at Warratah Reserve will be fully enclosed and has been developed at a cost of \$30,000.

Doveton coach Danny McMinimee will select the representative team to challenge Croydon in

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Paton: I want to join Cole and Buljevic

Victoria has its own Dixie Deans in deadly Jamie Paton, and if the Slavia star has his way he'll get his chance to outdo Deans in the Philips League.

Paton has been submitting transfer requests with the same regularity that he scores goals. Slavia has turned down three that I know of, but Paton continues plugging away, just as he does on the field.

He's determined to play in the Philips League, and the club he wants to join is Heidelberg-Alexander. No, the club hasn't approached him. No, he hasn't approached the club either.

"But some of the Heidelberg lads — **Gary Cole, Jim Tansley, Yakka Banovic** — are in the State team with me and we understand each other's play.

"I wish Heidelberg would make an approach for me. I want to play in the Philips League because that's where my future is, but I also want to stay in Melbourne."

Paton, 23, attributes most of his success as a striker to the Victorian State coach **Len McKendry**. "He's by far the best coach I have worked under," Paton said this week.

"He's similar in his approach to **Dave McFarland**, who coached me for a while in Scotland and who later coached at Celtic. He and Len McKendry were on the same English FA coaching course."

McKendry helped conduct many of Slavia's training sessions last season, using the sessions as work towards the Preliminary Coaching Badge. Only a few of the players gained the Badge, Paton was among those who didn't.

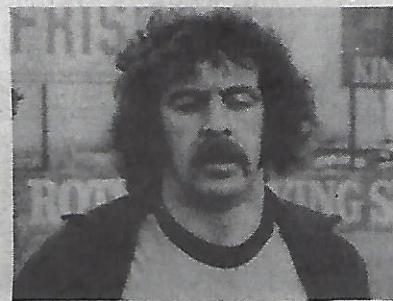
Paton continued his association with McKendry in the State squad that was assembled for a match against Wisla Krakow of Poland, and for later matches against AC Milan and any other teams that may tour.

Predictably, Paton and his Slavia team mate **John Yzendoorn** who played sweeper, were the stars of Victoria in its 0-1 loss to Wisla.

"McKendry's got a lot to do with my success," Paton says. "He's the one who told me to play on the last man in the 'opposing team,' and to come off the last man. Also, everything in the State team and in the Slavia team, is played to my feet, so I can turn quickly or lay the ball back. I also follow in every shot at goal. This should be the natural reaction of



Victorian State coach Len McKendry.



Dixie Deans of Adelaide City

every striker, but unfortunately it often isn't. It's such a simple thing that coaches probably don't mention it to their players."

Jamie Paton isn't tall, but his scoring instinct is second to none. He arrived in Melbourne in late February, 1978 and went on to become top scorer in the Victorian State League that season, notching 17 goals in the league, four in the Ampol Cup and one in the Philips Cup.

In the 1979 Ampol Cup, he scored seven before Saturday night's final, and he also scored one in the first main round of the Dockey Cup two weeks ago.

Recently he scored three hat-tricks in four matches — two Ampol Cup games and a State team practice match against the Victorian under 19s.

Paton played for Queen's Park in the Scottish Second Division for five years, four and half of them in the first team, with which he had about 200 games.

In his best scoring season at Queen's Park he notched 17 goals, the same number

Asked to name the most difficult opponents he has had both here and in Scotland, Paton names **Alex McDonald**, of Rangers "he never stops running" so he's very hard to pick up), and **Steve Kokoska** of Essendon-Croatia ("he never gives you an inch").

Paton is classed as a temporary resident of Australia but he will apply to stay here for good. He realises his current status will make it difficult for him to break into the national squad but adds "I'd like to think that I've got a chance."

He is certainly up to the class, as he showed against Wisla when he was unlucky not to score at least two goals. "That game was a bit faster to what I'd been used to but there were many times that I had yards of space, due to the coaching we'd been given on how to make space and where certain players should be at given times. After the game many people were saying it was the best State team they had seen for many years — probably because it was the first time that the team had been properly coached."

Paton says he is lucky to be playing alongside such talented men as **Steve Aldridge** and **Jim Williams**, his fellow forwards at Slavia. Of Aldridge, who played in England for Rotherham, Paton says:

"He's a big, strong lad with tremendous ball skill and great ability to turn people." About Williams, the former South Liverpool winger, Paton says: "He's simply fantastic. He turns people inside out in every game."

Paton also has great admiration for Slavia's classy sweeper, **John Yzendoorn**.

"He pulls the strings at the back, telling people when and when not to tackle. Like me, he has ambitions of playing in the Philips League."

"I have no grievances against Slavia," Paton stresses. "They've been very good to me and I've enjoyed my time there but I want to better myself in football."

"If I don't get a move, I'll have to think about going elsewhere. I know I could get fixed up with a good club back in Scotland, or I could go to America, but really, I'd prefer to stay here in Melbourne."

Paton's contract with Slavia expires on December 1 this year. He is duty-bound to stay with the club until then, except if Heidelberg or some other club makes Slavia an offer that's too good to refuse.

Jamie Paton would be an excellent investment, for he would repay his transfer fee in goals.

Imagine a forward line of **Gary Cole, Jamie Paton and Branko Buljevic** . . .



Prahran Slavia's goalscoring ace Jamie Paton

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Steve Aldridge (left) skips past Duncan Smith of Croydon City. Aldridge partners Paton in the Slavia attack.

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Newcastle KB Utd	2	0	0	6	2	0	1	0	1	1	7:3
Sydney Olympic	2	0	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	1	4:1
Canberra City	1	0	1	3	4	1	0	0	4	2	7:6
Brisbane City	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	5	6	7:6
Heidelberg Utd	1	1	0	3	2	0	1	0	2	2	5:4
Footscray	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	1	3	2	5:4
Marconi	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	5	3	5:4
Sth Melbourne	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	4	4:4
West Adelaide	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	2:3
Brisbane Lions	0	0	2	3	5	1	0	0	1	0	4:5
St George	0	0	1	2	4	1	0	1	3	3	5:7
Adelaide City	0	0	2	2	5	1	0	0	3	2	5:7
APIA-Leichhardt	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	1:3
Sydney City	0	0	2	2	7	1	0	0	2	1	4:8

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Numbers in brackets denote total appearances in team of the week:

WOODHOUSE (1) (APIA)

ILIOSKI (1) (Footscray)	PRSKALO (1) (Marconi)	BELL (1) (Olympic)	CURRAN (1) (Newcastle)
J. O'SHEA (1) (St George)	SEDDON (2) (Newcastle)	RASKOPOULOS (2) (Olympic)	
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Sydney City 0 Marconi 4. Ratings by Peter Scott:
SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 8, Mullen 7 (sent off) O'Connor 6, Trenter 7, Bruce 8, Stevenson 7 (Kershaw 71st min), Souness 8 (sent off), Barnes 7, Watson 7, Smith 6 (Campbell 71st min), Silva 7.

MARCONI: Maher 7, Berry 7, Prskalo 8, Lindsay 7, Degney 8, Mariotti 7, Henderson 7, Byrne 7, Krnecic 7, Jankovics 8, Shae 8.

Olympic 2 West Adelaide 0. Ratings by Alex Vesic:

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Maher 8, Coton 7, Bell 8, Wilson 7, Ainslie 8, Raskopoulos 8, Cross 7, Jamieson 7, Laing 9, Eaton 7, Mcintosh 7.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 7, Reynolds 6, McGachey 7, Jones 6, Bozanic 6, McCulloch (Honeyman 29 - 6), Boyle 8, McGregor 6, Norris 6, Pillans 6, (Tymczyszyn, 6-52) Zerves 7.

Canberra 0 Footscray 3. Ratings by Peter Windsor:

CANBERRA: Hoszowski 7, Moulis 6, Fielding 6, Salgado 6, Arquero 6 (Kawaleva, 70th minute), Farrell 7; Stark 7, Brown 6, Cant 7, Byrne 7, Bailey 6 (Grujicic, 45th minute, 6).

FOOTSCRAY: Potter 6, Ilioski 7, Lujic 7, Jovicic 6, Koniaros 7, Picioane 7, Jovanovic 6, Ristic 7; Palinkas 8, Oller-ton 6, Ristovski 7.

Newcastle v Brisbane City, ratings by Joe Lanzoni.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 6, Willis 7, Drinkwater 7, Sum-mercales 7, Curran 8, McClelland 8, I. Seddon 9, Cowburn 7 (Sneddon 87th), Heys 8, Harris 6 (Tredinnick 87th), Boden 8.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 6, Rathmell 6, Perry 7, Ratcliffe 7, Echeverria 6, Gaffney 6 (Brusasco 62nd), Pimblett 7, Potter 7, Kelso 6, Low 7, Caldwell 6.

Brisbane Lions 2 St George 3, ratings by Bruce Waddell:

LIONS: Lownds 6, Lawrie 6, Bennett 7, Hermiston 6, Niven 7, Spearritt 6, Amos 6, Ogden 6 (Laszlo 67th min), Hughes 6, Wallace 6 (Brennan 57th min), Ontong 6.

ST GEORGE: Coe 7, Harris 6 (Hensman 46th min), 6, Della Picca 7, Grosse 7, R. O'Shea 7, Terry 7, Gnati 7, O'Shea 8, Matic 7, Morgan 6, O'Connor 7.

Adelaide City 0 APIA 1, ratings by Mano Toutsidis: APIA: Woodhouse 8, Richards 7, Turnbull 7, Carruthers 8, Wilson 7, Rowden 7, Drews 6, Butler 7, Reed 6, O'Donnell 6 (Samuels), Vernon 6 (Scott).

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7, Russell 7, Perin 7, Muir 8, B. Nyskohus 6, Melta 6 (Manvel), Dodds 7, (Marocchini), Northcote 6, Deans 8, J. Nyskohus 7, Kent 7.

Heidelberg 2 South Melbourne 2, ratings by Laurie Schwab:

ST MELB: Reilly 6 — Kalafatidis 7, Baxter 7, (injured, sub Kyriakoules 8, 55th), Munro 5, Turner 6 — Lutton 5, Wright 5 (Davidson 8, half time), Cummings 6 — Drakeford 7, Evans 7, Campbell 6.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 5 — McMillan 6, O'Reilly 6, Provan 5, Tansey 6 — Rooney 8, Taylor 7, Campbell 7 — Bozikas 5 (Selemidis 65th), Cole 6, Buljevic 8.

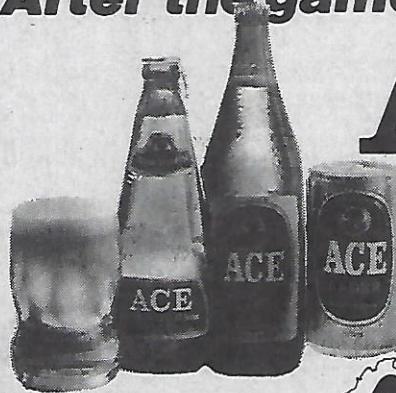
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7.5 Davies (Can), Taylor (H'berg), Zervas, Boyle (WA).

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\$25,000 Kosmina to face Heidelberg?

Striker John Kosmina may make his return to Australian soccer against Heidelberg United at Hindmarsh Stadium in Adelaide on Sunday.

Kosmina was due to return from England yesterday (Tuesday) to join West Adelaide, the club he played for in 1977.

He has spent the past year in England with Arsenal but after having played only a handful of senior matches with the Gunners, he decided his future lies in Australia.

West Adelaide has paid Arsenal a transfer fee of about \$26,000, a record for an Australian player. He joined Arsenal for about the same price.

West Adelaide coach Tom Forde said: "Arsenal manager Terry Neill started out at \$100,000 when I talked to him in London in December but they eventually came down because Terry was happy to see Kosmina come back here."

Kosmina is fit because he has been training hard with Arsenal and if he plays on Sunday, Heidelberg will be hard-pressed to retain its unbeaten record.

League leader Newcastle KB United, the only other unbeaten PSL team, meets improving APIA

at Wentworth Park and look good enough to hold league leadership.

Sydney City will be without right back Kevin Mullin and midfielder Ian Souness for its match with traditional rival St. George at St. George Stadium.

Both were sent off the field in Sydney City's disastrous 0-4 loss to Marconi last weekend and are thus suspended.

Doug Ujiesenovic has had two weeks off to rest his injury, and may be fit enough to resume his place in the St. George team.

Saints found form by coming from behind to beat Brisbane Lions in Brisbane and are now poised to climb further up the ladder. However, Sydney City has strong men in reserve so it should be a close match.

Canberra, which lost league leadership by crashing 0-3 to Footscray, may slide even further when it meets South Melbourne at Middle Park. Saints are sure to leave Alan Davison in midfield after his sound display last week, and George Charkiewicz is also in form after a week off due to illness.

It will be interesting to see whether promising young player Kiri Kyriakoulessis remains in defence in the absence of injured Stuart Baxter, after Kyriakoulessis' great play as a substitute against Heidelberg.

Footscray J.U.S.T., whose brilliant play bewildered Canberra in the second half last Sunday, should climb further up the table by beating Brisbane Lions at Olympic Park No. 2 oval on Sunday.

Lions does not appear to have the same class as Footscray, which has match-winners all over the field - Joe Pliciante, Jim Ristovski, Joe Palinkas, Zdravko Lujic, Radoslav Jovicic, Jim Koniaros, and of course, Peter Ollerton, who is champing at the bit, determined

to score his first goal for his new club.

Marconi coach Les Scheinfug has put me straight on the Marconi side situation.

I wrongly wrote last week that Vieri was suspended against Brisbane Lions because he was considered to be unfit. The real reason for his replacement is that he had suffered a thigh injury. Earlier in the season Vieri had had a hamstring injury.

Scheinfug said: "Vieri and I have the best possible understanding and I am looking forward to him returning to the team."

Meanwhile, Marconi continues its negotiation for Italian Third Division midfielder Cantelli, 28,

from Crotone. Club president Tony Labbozetta says he has had excellent reports about Cantelli.

It should be a memorable match when Marconi meets Adelaide City at Marconi Oval on Sunday. Adelaide City coach Ray Rasic coached Marconi last year and Marconi coach Les Scheinfug was the 1978 coach of Adelaide City.

Sydney Olympic, which is poised to take over league leadership if Newcastle falters, should maintain its winning form against Brisbane City. Derek Lang and Peter Raskopoulos have been in fine form for Olympic and Dave McIntosh and Clive Eaton are two of the most lethal strikers in the league. LAURIE SCHWAB.

Weekend Philips League matches:

IN MELBOURNE

Footscray v Brisbane Lions, Olympic Park No 2, Sunday 3 pm

Sth Melbourne v Canberra, middle Park, Sunday 3 pm.

IN SYDNEY

Marconi v Adelaide City, Marconi Oval, Sunday 3 pm.

APIA v Newcastle, Wentworth Park, Sunday 3 pm

St George v Sydney City, St George Stadium, Sunday 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE

West Adelaide v Heidelberg Utd, Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday 2.30 pm.

IN BRISBANE

Brisbane City v Sydney Olympic, Perry Park, Sunday 3 pm.

Strongman on bed of nails

"Soccer Spectacular", the programme which didn't come off fully during the opening for St George at Barton Park, will be repeated for the game St George v Sydney City.

Among other "spectaculars", the spectators will be able to see the match between two of the best NSW ladies' sides. The match between the Probables and the Possibles will be the feature attraction and will be slotted in the programme as the main introduction to the Philips League game.

Other attractions on the programme will come from Paul Graham (the muscle man), who will lie on a bed of nails while motor cycles roll over him (!).

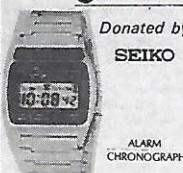
According to Alan Barton of St George "Soccer Spectacular" will be a regular feature at Barton Park as an attraction to all St George home matches. — ALEX VESIC.

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Trip or accident? Jim Campbell goes flying over the leg of South Melbourne's Kiri Kyriakoulessis. At left is Duncan Cummings.



Goal! Triumphant Branko Buljenc after scoring Heidelberg's first.

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**HEIDELBERG 2
STH MELB 2**

Scorers: H'berg: Buljevic 36th, Taylor 70th, St Melb: Drakeford 62nd, Cummings 75th.

Ground: Olympic Park greyhound track. Condition: Bumpy.

Weather: Warm. Crowd: About 12,000. Referee: Beagleby 5.

Cautions: Baxter, Lutton, Evans (SM), Cole, Taylor (H'berg).

When Alan Davidson came on at half time to replace Sammy Wright in South Melbourne's midfield he knew it was his big chance, and he certainly made that most of it.

Davidson, 19, the youth international who switched from Altona City for only \$1000, transformed the South Melbourne midfield and added hustle, bustle and unpredictable play.

Davidson tackled, covered, played one-two and sent a glorious cross to **Bertie Lutton** who just failed to connect properly with his head.

It will be to South Melbourne's detriment if he does not become a permanent member of the first team.

Another young player who starred in this match is defender **Kiril Kyriakopoulos** who came on in the second half to replace **Stuart Baxter** whose cracked bone was cracked in a clash with **Bob Prevan**.

I thought an experienced man like **Mike Pye** would have come in and that **Chris Kalafatidis** would have gone to centre back.

But Kyriakopoulos, who usually plays in South's Second Division team, played not like a substitute, but like a seasoned campaigner. He could have given the ball to **Frank Munro** for a long forward pass, but he delivered them himself with accuracy and imagination.

This was a match that Heidelberg threw away. It led 1-0 at half time with a goal by Branko Buljevic and was playing much better than South Melbourne, but then lost concentration in defence.

However, Souths also deserve credit for the way they fought back and the way **Ken Drakeford** and **Duncan Cummings** scored their goals — especially Cummings who got his with a deflected header.

The Greek derby was played, appropriately enough, on Greek National Day. State Opposition leader **Frank Wilkes** was guest of honor and pigeons were released before the match.

But the spirit of brotherhood did not extend into the match which was only two minutes old when **Gary Cole** and **Stuart Baxter** confronted each other belligerently and were both shown the yellow card for referee **Tony Marpley**.

South Melbourne made a mistake in not marking Branko Buljevic and Gary Cole man for man.

But it was Buljevic who scored one of Heidelberg's goals and had a hand in the second. No-one on the field threatened as much danger as he did.

Violence threatened again as Arthur McMillian and George Campbell clashed. South Melbourne players had to restrain Campbell.

The Bertie Lutton was shown the yellow card for a foul on McMillian.

Heidelberg took the lead in the 36th minute. Ken Taylor spearred the ball out to the right where Cole took it on a run before squaring it in response to a call from Buljevic who flicked it into the net with the outside of his left foot, as goalkeeper **Jack Reilly** dived the wrong way.

Jim Campbell should have made it 2-0 when a long ball out of defence dropped to his feet and enabled him to run through Souths' rearguard. However, Reilly came towards Campbell and blocked his shot.

McMillan, at 16 metres from goal, was nowhere near the line of that shot.

We are all allowed a mistake and, luckily, this particular one didn't make much difference in the end.

Soon after the restart **Graham Norrie** was metres offside, but strangely enough Mr King kept his flag down. However the referee was on the spot to overrule the linesman!

Olympic continued in bright fashion in the second half and was soon on top again.

Raskopoulos raced around **Neil McGedney** in the 48th minute then fired a shot just missed, with Crook beaten. Two minutes later Olympic scored again. **Paul Coton** crossed to the near post, and **Malentz** was faster than Jones to dive and head past the Adelaide keeper.

Joe Marston, the coach of Olympic, was happy.

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**SYD. OLYMPIC 2
WEST ADEL. 0**

Scorers: Eaton 36th, McIntosh 50th.

Ground: St George Stadium, Sydney.

Crowd: 2731.

Weather: fine.

Cautions: None.

Referee: Peter Rampley 6.

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Backtracking was the offence which earned **Ian Souness** a yellow card in the 36th minute and his fate caught up with him in the 67th.

Souness faced Marconi speedster **Peter Sharpe** in a one-on-one situation and, in desperation, dragged the winger down onto the turf when unable to keep pace with him.

Chaldi, calmer than the others connected with City, claimed after the game that the punishment meted out to Souness was out of proportion to the actual offence.

As for Marconi boss **Les Scheinfuss**, under considerable pressure from his losing players, Chaldi's plight.

"When they had their second man off it was all made very easy for us, but it's all part of the game, and I am happy for my boys and their effort," he said.

Marconi started off the match like the proverbial house on fire, with **Paul Degney** creating all sorts of panic in the fourth minute, when he zoomed down the left wing and left the City defence floundering with a ball cut back neatly from the corner flag.

Shane was all alone a scant eight minutes out, but somehow managed to shoot wide.

At this stage City looked the more cultured and composed of the two teams, but their strikers were totally ineffectual in front of goal.

Fortune finally smiled on Marconi in the 10th minute, when **Eddie Krcevici**, the Italian club's explosive young golden boy, managed to wiggle his way past **Mark Trenter** into the open spaces beyond and scramble his shot via **Tom Clarke's** fingers into the back of the City net.

Jankovics managed to avoid all attempts to stop him by definition, which was in tatters in the 74th and 86th minutes.

In full flight now, seeking an invaluable extra point, which goes to teams winning by a four-goal margin or more, Marconi sealed his triumph with Krcevici's second goal in the 89th minute.

As Marconi's squad savoured a sweet triumph, it was a treat for Sydney City.

They will have to face a revised St George or Souness - both facing automatic suspension.

On the credit side skipper **Eddie Thomson** will return after missing the match with an injured calf muscle sustained against Melita Eagles in the midweek Ampol Cup final.

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**SYDNEY C. O
MARCONI 4**

Scorers: Krcevici 16th, 89th, Jankovics 74th, 86th.

Ground: Wentworth Park, Sydney.

Crowd: 2844.

Weather: sunny and windy.

Referee: Peter Rampley 6.

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**ST GEORGE 3
LIONS 2**

Scorers: Lions — Hughes

7th, Amos 31st, pen. 89th.

Ground: Perry Park, Brisbane.

Crowd: 1520.

Weather: fine.

St. George broke through for its first win in the PSL this season by coming back from a hopeless position to beat Brisbane Lions 3-2 in Perry Park.

The first half performance from St. George made it easy to understand why it had lost its opening two matches, but it was a transformed team which finished with a parading burst after halftime.

Just as St. George lifted itself, the second half effort from Lions was woeful. The team seemingly could not handle the situation of being a commanding two goals up at the break.

Lions could not have wished for a better start, scoring first after seven minutes and adding a second in the 31st minute, with coach Eddie Spearritt both times playing a major role.

Craig Wallace nodded it forward amongst some hesitant St. George defence and Alan Hughes pounced to easily beat Marcin Cio.

St. George struck through the second half with a series of well-timed and well-placed crosses.

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St. George strong through the second half, with only O'Connor displaying any skill on the left wing and the only reasonable chance was a shot which centre forward Rudolf Dicca, Pica, showed over the bar close in.

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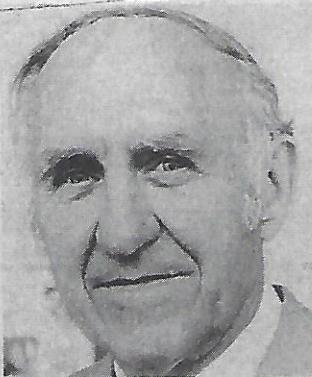
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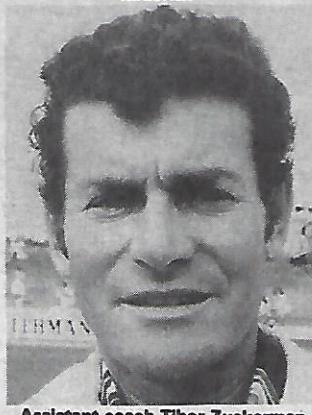
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The NSW Government chipped in with \$60,000, while a number of St George

supporters came in with \$1,000 apiece, and the project started to take shape.

So far, \$1 million has been spent and the roof is on the stadium. It will seat 2800 people under cover, while a further 600 seats are added but not under cover.

The complex is designed to cater for families. When completed it will feature two restaurants, barbecue areas and a children's playground. Gymnasium, sauna and new dressing rooms are to be added under the grandstand, while lighting for night games is also in the process of being installed.

Hard working promotions manager Alan Barton is full of enthusiasm: "These facilities will be so good the people of Sydney will be glad to go to soccer. As soon as people realise what good facilities are here, they will keep coming back."

In the first game despite a torrential downpour, the crowd was over 2000 people. The playing area remained in good condition despite the downpour, mainly due to the 3000-metres of drainage pipes laid under the playing surface.

HUNGARIAN SUPER SAINTS BORN OF BRAVE PIONEERS

By
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Australian soccer had its roots planted by the migrant population as early as the beginning of the century. The very first clubs formed bore the names of English, Italian and Greek football clubs and the game as such remained for decades "strictly European".

It was no surprise to see the continuation of the trend in the fifties and the sixties, with names like Prague, APIA, Hakoah, Budapest, Croatia, Yugal, etc.

For most of the large migrant groups, such as Italian, Greek or Yugoslav, it was easy to establish a soccer club, as they had the numbers to support and carry the club financially.

For a number of Hungarian migrants who landed on Australian shores in the late forties, it was hard enough to make ends meet, let alone think of the glory that soccer clubs used to achieve back home.

But love of the game found a number of willing participants playing soccer each afternoon in the vast area of the Bathurst holding camp. It was here that a few Hungarian migrants laid the foundations for what was to become one of the best clubs in the history of Australian soccer.

The club was formed and named in honour of that great Hungarian club, Ferencvaros. It was properly registered with the New South Wales Soccer Football Association but since the application was lodged far too late for the 1950 season, the club had to sit it out for the year, playing only in friendlies.

The following year Ferencvaros won the "New Australian Cup" and finished second in the Metropolitan League.



After the 1967 Ampol Cup triumph. From left, top: L. Bordacs, L. Hegyes, S. Bordacs, Hillhouse, Hillary, De Bruin, Schaefer, G. Middleton, Morgan, C. Kalman. Bottom: McColgan, Stegbeuer, Sokaloff, Isaac, Warren, Cliss, H. Tyson.

only a point behind the winners.

In 1953, Ferencvaros graduated to the NSW Association's Division Two but had to drop its "foreign" name at the order of the Association and adopt the less "offensive" name of Europa.

In 1953, the club had on its books a number of great European players. Dr Lindner was an ex-First Division player from Yugoslavia, while Joe Vlasits was a member of Hungarian First Division team NSC Arpad. Tuson was once on the books of Ferencvaros while Kern, Benesek and Both also played for top Hungarian teams.

Having to battle with the Association's bosses, the club did not go far during the 1953-55 period but joined forces with Prague, Hakoah and Sydney Austral to stage a successful revolution and form the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs in 1957.

Europa joined the newly-formed Federation, re-formed and named Budapest Soccer Club in honour of the Hungarian capital.

The club's first elected committee in 1957 was:

President: ZSIGMOND BORDACS

Vice-president: LASZLO NAGY

Secretary: LES BORDACS

Treasurer: SANDOR IHASZ

Coach: FERENC LUGOSI

Assistant coach: VILMOS POVEDEK

Marcel Nagy, the former treasurer and president of the Hungarian Football Association was appointed managing director of the club. He was also life president of the club till his death in 1971.

Soon after the formation of Budapest Soccer Club, the committee was joined by Alex Pongrass who would prove to be a most valuable gain. In these early years, the club badly needed someone who could lay down plans for a more secure and brighter future.

It was largely due to his efforts that the social club was born.

Never claiming to be an expert in football, Alex Pongrass like most people, formed his own opinion of what went on about the

soccer arena. With his business expertise and drive for success, he let the experts run the football while he concentrated on completion of the club house. He acquired the money for the building and saw the project to its climax. With extensions completed in the early seventies, the club is certainly one of the best soccer houses in the land and a tribute to its president.

While one cannot help wondering where St George would be today without Alex Pongrass it is also hard to imagine the club's existence but for Les Bordacs.

One of the founder-members, Bordacs has become one of soccer's elder statesmen, not just in Sydney but in Australia. Few can match his enormous administrative knowledge. It was a fitting tribute when, in 1969, he was made assistant manager of the Australian World Cup team for visits to South Korea, Mozambique and Israel.

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Mighty Saints dazzle on '71 Japan tour

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While Alex Pongracic can be outspoken and demanding, Les Bordes prefers to mediate and compromise, giving St George the perfect combination at the top of his hierarchy.

At "Soccer House" as it is affectionately known, St George Budapest Soccer Club has risen from a meagre 247 members in 1967 to over 4000 in 1979. Situated at Mordale, it is also a model for the assimilation of migrants, for about half of its membership — and its Board of Directors — is of Hungarian extraction and the other half Australian.

The auditorium (over 5000 seats), the Goal Post Bar, games room, a large lounge with changing rooms and a beautifully decorated function room as well as the George Grill Bistro and the club's restaurant, "The Tavern," make up one of the most comfortable and modern clubs in Sydney.

While the social club went ahead in leaps and bounds, the Soccer team itself was not far behind. The club's record in the past 22 years can hardly be matched since its promotion in 1959.

Let's have a look at the successes over the period before the formation of the Philips League:

• 1958 Second Division premiers

• 1960 Ampol Cup winners

• 1962 N.S.W. premiers

• 1964 Federation Cup winners

• 1967 Ampol Cup winners and grand final winners

• 1971 Tokyo International Tournament winner and grand final winners

• 1972 Ampol Cup winners, Interstate Ampol Cup winners, N.S.W. premiers and State Cup winners

• 1974 grand final winners

• 1975 Ampol Cup winners and grand final winners

• 1976 N.S.W. premiers

Premiers in N.S.W. in 1962, 1972 and 1976, St George also finished second on the league table a record eight times. Three points behind APIA in 1964, equal with the premiers South Coast in 1965, only a point behind South Coast in 1969, a point behind Hakoah in 1970...

1967, 1972 and 1975 certainly stand out as the best years in the club's list of successes. Two trophies in '67, four in '72 and

two in '75. Winning the Tokyo International tournament in 1971 was one of the best results any Australian side achieved abroad.

In 1967, on the way to winning the Ampol Cup, St George defeated South Coast 2-0, Cumberland Utd. 8-2, Canterbury 3-1, Yugal 3-2, APIA 3-1, Pan Hellenic 8-1 in the semi-finals and Hakoah 2-0 in the final.

The heroes of the Cup were certainly Johnny Warren, David Ciles, Manfred Schaefer and young Neville Morgan.

In the grand final, the same year, Saints were down two goals against APIA very early. After 20 minutes of the first half APIA led after good goals by Keridean and Hakoah.

But the spirit of St George survived the shock and in the 32nd minute **Steghause** made it 1-2. Three minutes after the interval **McColgan** made it 2-2 and now there was no holding the marauding Saints.

David Ciles shot his team into the lead in the 52nd, then added further goals in the 77th and 82nd to completely shatter APIA.

This was the team that won the Grand Final in 1967: **Haffey, Isaed, Hillary, Schaefer, Morgan, Zuckerman, Steghause, Warren, McColgan, Ciles, Ferrell**.

In 1971, St George, with possibly its best combination in the red, white and green, won yet another grand final, this time against Western Suburbs. St George lead twice with goals by **Alan Almali**, only to see Wests come back through **Johnstone** then **Kinnell**.

Attie Abonyi made the difference between the two sides in the 71st minute after some good work by **Terry Eaton** into the far corner.

The winning team was: **Relly, Harris, Utješenovic, Schaefer, Hogg, Abonyi, Alston, Hamilton, Denton, Herron, Williams, Almali**.

Practically the same side steamrolled everything before it in the 1972 competition, winning the NSW premiership with three points to spare from Marconi, the Ampol Cup, the Interstate Ampol Cup and the State Cup.

One of the most unforgettable chapters in the club's history is the Far East tour of March 1971, the first ever by



THE MOST SUCCESSFUL FIRST TEAM SQUAD IN THE CLUB'S HISTORY, 1972 winners of the Ampol Cup; Inter City Ampol Cup; Premiership Ampol Cup and Premiership Goal Scoring Champions. Back Row (left to right): Marty Treasure, John Stoddart, Jimmy Herron, Harry Williams, Willie Hamilton, Neville Morgan, Fabian Juhasz, Barry Harris, Brendan Gross, Alan Almali (now with Wests). Front Row: Denis Donovan, Mike Denton, Attie Abonyi, Bobby Hogg, Johnny Warren, Frank Arok (Manager-Coach), Manfred Schaefer, Adrian Alston, George Harris, Doug Utješenovic, Jimmy Fraser.

an Australia team to that part of the world.

Earlier, the Japanese Toyo Kogyo team had visited Sydney and played a friendly against St George, losing 3-0 to its host but not losing any friends. It was this visit by Toyo that established a relationship between the two clubs and led to St George's visit to Japan.

The first stopover on the way to Japan was at Macau where St George played havoc with the local team winning 6-0 despite the fact that the players had to go to the ground almost from the start.

St George followed with a brilliant win 2-1 against the Hitachi club which put Saints into the final of the tournament against the Japanese B side.

Two days later, St George, slammed Hong Kong champions Jardine for six. With goals by **Abonyi** (2), **Almali**, **Warren**, **Denton** and **Alston** St George won 6-2.

In Japan, despite a friendly "Konichiwa" at the airport and all the warmth the St George party were given by their hosts, the team seemed to despair on the hallowed turf of the Olympic Stadium in Tokyo. The combination of 25,000 spectators and some 5 million estimated T.V. viewers was sufficient to suggest how serious the Japanese were taking this game.

Japan, fresh from taking the bronze medal at the Olympic games in Mexico, faced NSW's best club outfit with the great **Kamamoto** in the forwards and **Ogi**, **Sugiyama** and **Yoshida** in the defence. The winning team was: **Relly, Harris, Utješenovic, Schaefer, Hogg, Abonyi, Alston, Hamilton, Denton, Herron, Williams, Almali**.

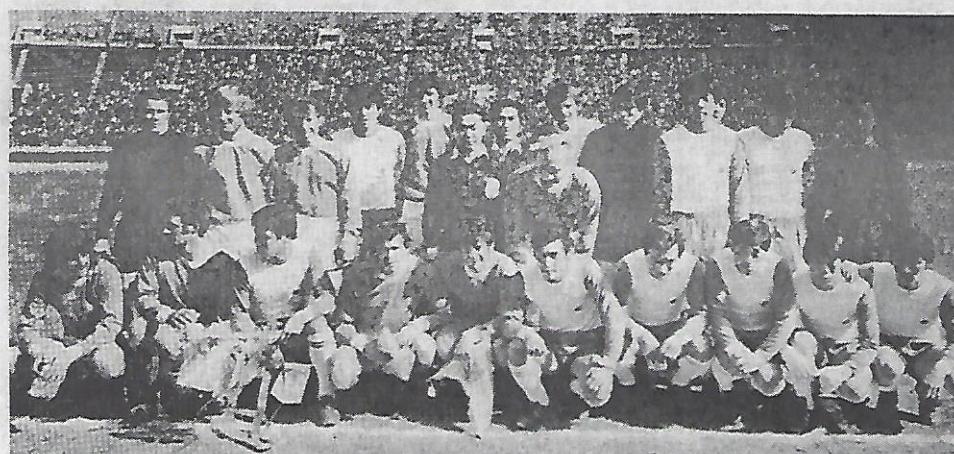
Seven matches for six wins and a draw is a success story no Australian side had achieved outside our borders. In their elegant uniforms or in track suits, the players were great ambassadors for Australia.

These men were on tour:

Les Bordes (tour leader), **Rale Raicic** (coach), **Brian Taylor**, **Denis Donovan**, **Geoff Morgan**, **George Harris**, **Harry Williams**, **Doug Utješenovic**, **Manfred Schaefer**, **Den Sandell**, **Tom Anderson**, **Alan Almali**, **Adrian Alston**, **John Warren**, **Mike Denton**, **Jim Herron**, **Attie Abonyi**, **George Campbell**.



Five former, recent or present St. George coaches at the Sports Ground. Left to right: **Joe Cerdas**, **Laurie Hegyes**, **Joe Vincze**, **Frank Arok** and **Rale Raicic**.



St. George-Budapest and the Japanese national team before their game in Tokyo's Olympic Stadium. The game finished a 0-0 draw.

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St. George president Alex Pongrass (left) is about to present a toy koala to Pele (centre) during a reception given by the club to Santos in 1972. At right is Federation official Kevin D'Arcy.

Two were national coaches

ST. GEORGE-BUDAPEST have had 11 coaches since 1957. Of these, two have been in charge of the Australian national side and another two of the NSW State team. Strangely, it was a different two.

Joe Vlasits, who won the championship with St. George in 1962, was the national coach from 1967 until 1970, while Rele Rasic, who won the grand final with the team in 1971, was the national team supremo from the world tour at the end of 1970 until the end of 1974.

Miklos Szegedi, who coached the team in 1963-64, was appointed NSW State coach soon after his arrival in 1963, while Frank Araki received the same honour in his first year with the club, in 1968.

This is the full list of all the club's first team coaches:

Frank Lepage 1957
Lemio Radice 1957
John Meares 1958
John Davies 1959
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John Davies 1960-61
Larino Hayes 1960-61
John Davies 1962
Miklos Szegedi 1963-64
Larino Hayes 1964-65
Gyula Polgar 1965
Frank Araki 1966-70
Bela Balazs 1971
Frank Araki 1972

The bosses

St. George's executive administration 1979:

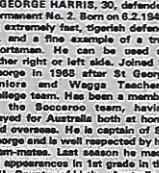
President: Alex Pongrass
General Manager: Les Bordas
Coach: Joseph Gelal
Assistant: Tibor Zuckerman
Sales and Promotions manager: Alan Barton
Assistants: Jean Patterson, Faye Noyes.



MARTIN COE, 30, goalkeeper, permanent No. 1. Born 21.3.1948. Came to Australia in 1968. A tall, hard-tackling, hard-working player, having played his junior soccer in the district. Last season he made 21 appearances with the 1st grade team. Country of birth - Australia.



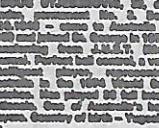
ROBERT O'SHEA, 20, midfielder, permanent No. 2. Born 21.5.1959. A tall, hard-tackling, hard-working player. Despite his young age already has three years first team experience. Good ball control. A very useful player who can be used in almost any position. Is the club's own product, having come through the junior ranks of the St. George District. Was a member of the N.S.W. U 16 team. Last season he made 21 grade appearances in the PSL. Country of birth - Australia.



GEORGE HARRIS, 30, defender, permanent No. 2. Born on 8.2.1948, an extremely fast, skilful defender. The exacting and true sportsman. He can be used on either right or left side. Joined St. George in 1968 after St. George Juniors and Wagga Teachers' College teams. Has been a member of the Australian team, having played for Australia both at home and overseas. He is captain of St. George and is well respected by his team-mates. Last season he made 25 appearances in 1st grade in the PSL. Country of birth - Australia.



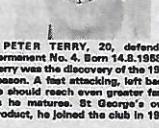
BRENDAN GROSSE, 24, defender, permanent No. 6. Born 29.9.1954. Has matured into one of our most reliable defenders, especially in the air. Very good in the air, the club's own product, having come through the junior ranks of the St. George Juniors, and is in his second year with the first grade. He has played in 1st grade since 1969 after having joined St. George in 1968. Has played in the Australian team. In 1970 he made 26 first grade appearances. Country of birth - Yugoslavia.



DAVID O'LEARY, 24, defender, permanent No. 7. Born 14.2.1955 - a tall, commanding volger, the son of a former player of the club in the 1970 season during which he made 20 appearances in the PSL. Joined St. George in 1977. Country of birth - England.



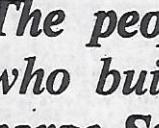
PETER HENRICKS, 26, forward, permanent No. 4. Born 17.6.1952 - a fast, compact volger, the son of a former player of the club in the 1970 season during which he made 20 appearances in the PSL. Joined St. George in 1977. Country of birth - England.



MICK DALE, 24, defender, permanent No. 11. Born 12.4.1956 - a left-footer with good pace. Came to Australia in 1974 and played previously for Hull City, and Wellington City. Joined St. George in 1978 and made one appearance for 1st grade last season in the PSL. Country of birth - England.



ROY GOTTOFF, 26, forward, permanent No. 10. Born 14.11.1952, imported from England, an Orient and Atherton player. Very skilful, efficient dribbler, good shot and good heading ability. One of the best young players in the 18 N.S.W. team. In a few years he should be a regular first grader. Is the club's own product, O'Gott having come through the junior ranks of St. George. Last season he made eight first grade appearances in the PSL. Country of birth - England.



PHIL O'CONNOR, 26, forward, permanent No. 11. Born 10.10.1953



PETER KATHOLOS, 18, midfielder, permanent No. 22. Born 18.3.1961 - transferred from Maribor Olympic. A member of the U 19 Australian team in South America. Tall, strong, good in the air with excellent ball control. Country of birth - Australia.

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having played his junior soccer in the district. Last season he made 21 appearances with the 1st grade team. Country of birth - Australia.



JOHN O'SHEA, 21, midfielder, permanent No. 8. Born 24.7.1957 - a typical human dynamo, non-stop fighter, equally excellent when defending or when attacking. Has a tremendous shot. Has represented Australia in the national team. Aust. v. Greece and Aust. v. Witsa. Was a member of the N.S.W. U 16 team and as a substitute in the N.S.W. team. Club's own product, having come through the junior ranks in the St. George District. Last year made 23 appearances in the PSL. Country of birth - Australia.



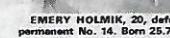
STEPHEN MATIC, 26, midfielder, permanent No. 9. Born 24.9.1952 - came from Yugoslavia on trial. A remarkable player, a very experienced professional played one year on 2nd Division in Germany, then two years for Sparta Rotterdam in Holland's 1st Division and then one year for the German team Bayern. He can be used on left or right wing as well. Intelligent thinking type. Country of birth - Yugoslavia.



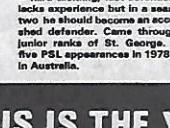
Fast, goalscoring winger, O'Connor was the club's top scorer last season when he made 25 appearances with the 1st grade team. Came to Australia in 1975 to Wollongong City, transferred to St. George in 1977. Has represented N.S.W. twice and in the Australian team five times. Country of birth - England.



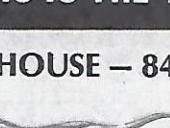
MICHAEL O'SHEA, 18, defender, permanent No. 13. Born 27.8.1957 - a young, talented defender, who is a member of the U 18 N.S.W. team. In a few years he should be a regular first grader. Is the club's own product, O'Shea having come through the junior ranks of St. George. Last season he made eight first grade appearances in the PSL. Country of birth - Australia.



DENNIS DUARTE, 22, forward, permanent No. 17. Born 16.11.1956. Came from N.S.W. amateur ranks. A member of the N.S.W. team, good defender. Gained his first cap for the Reserves in 1978. Played in the Youth Team in 1974/75. Now signing for 1979. Country of birth - Portugal.



EMERY HOLMIK, 20, defender, permanent No. 18. Born 25.7.1956 - hard tackling, fast defender. Still lacks experience but in a season or two he should become an accomplished defender. Came through the junior ranks of St. George. Made 26 PSL appearances in 1978. Country of birth - Australia.



NEVILLE MORGAN, 26, forward, permanent No. 19. Born 10.12.1952

Excellent department. Excellent defender, good with both feet.

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he gets used to hard training, and

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PETER KATHOLOS, 18, mid-

fielder, permanent No. 22. Born

18.3.1961 - transferred from Mar-

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U 19 Australian team in South

America. Tall, strong, good in the

air with excellent ball control.

Country of birth - Australia.

Soccer's king

pays a visit

July 1972 - this will certainly remain one of the most glamorous milestones in the history of "Soccer House": the world famous Santos FC, together with King Pele, paid the club a visit.

To make up for a cancelled dinner party in their honour the night of their arrival from Bangkok, Santos were delighted to be entertained at St. George-Budapest's sumptuous headquarters.

And it wasn't just a brief social call, either: they all stayed until late at night -

none later than Pele, the personification of simple charm, the most pleasant and obliging soccer star the world has known.

During their Australian visit, Santos found time to visit only one club: that of Saints'. And no wonder: Santos in Portuguese also means "Saint" ...



ROBERTO DELLA PIAZZA, 25, defender, permanent No. 19. Born 11.7.1953, he was imported from 1st division side Sportivo Italme from Argentina, a 6ft 1in. tall, rugged, solid central defender, with typical South American power and ball control. Joined St. George this season. Country of birth - Argentina.



RUDI GNAVI, 29, midfielder, permanent No. 20. Born 17.3.1949, last year had to undergo a series of a serious cartilage injury, resulting in surgery. Now fully fit he is working very hard to regain his old form. A very skilful and experienced player. Played in the 1970 and 1971 Inter-grade appearances. Joined St. George in 1977, transferring from Sydney Olympic. Country of birth - Argentina.



PAUL KAY, 16, midfielder, permanent No. 21. Born 18.5.1962 - the youngest contract player of the club. He was a member of the U 19 Australian team in South America. A tremendously talented, intelligent player. Despite his small build, he has respect for no player in the club opposite and this from him in a few years. He made five first grade appearances in 1978. Country of birth - Australia.

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Hajduk, Seattle and Spain—they all wooed big Eddie

Had national coach Rudi Gutendorf not urged Eddie Krcicovic to change his mind, the young Socceroo would have quit Australian soccer.

Krcicovic signed an agreement with American club Seattle Sounders, which he describes as 'pretty official', and was set to make the big move to the United States.

But Gutendorf wisely talked the young Socceroo out of his decision.

"Rudi started by advising me not to go to America," said Eddie. "He said the leagues there were for retired stars, not young players coming up.

"Later he talked me out of leaving Australia. Rudi said I had a chance to make the national team and should wait a couple of years before going overseas."

Krcicovic then realised going abroad would ruin his chances of selection to the Australian team.

"I've got my heart set on playing for Australia in the 1982 World Cup finals," he said. "That's more important than playing with an overseas club at the moment."

"If I left Australia, I'd have no chance of making the national team. So any overseas moves will have to wait."

By his actions, Gutendorf has confirmed he has Krcicovic earmarked for national selection. There's a good chance young Eddie will be in Rudi's 26-man squad to be picked at the end of April.

If he is selected in Gutendorf's initial squad, his decision to stay in Australia will have been the right one. But Krcicovic so easily could have been lost to Australia. He was closer to joining the Sounders than a lot of people believed.

In fact, after the young Socceroo's tour of South America Krcicovic flew directly to Seattle instead of returning to Australia.

"I was going to join Seattle this season," he said. "Before Marconi became interested in me, I was set to go to the States."

"I really like the way soccer is set up in America, with all the big promotions. When I was in the States with the Australian Schoolboys team, I enjoyed myself so much I couldn't wait to go back."

Another reason Krcicovic wanted to get back in a hurry was a girl named Debbie. Eddie met Debbie during the Schoolboys tour, and she has since moved to Australia to live with him.

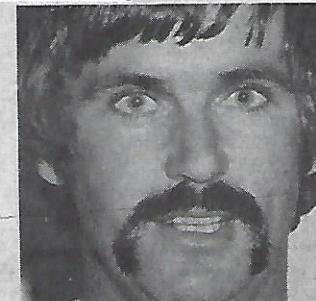
Eddie's ties with the Sounders were started through **Bobby McLachlan**, the coach of the Schoolboys team, who knows Seattle coach **Jimmy Gibrael**.

When in Paraguay Krcicovic, along with **Ian Rowden** and **Greg Woodhouse**, was approached by an official from a Spanish First Division club...

Krcicovic has also been contacted by **Hajduk Split** of Yugoslavia, a club he says he would 'love to play for'...



Rudi Gutendorf (left) and John Gardiner — the coaches who have helped Krcicovic most.



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And then comes the offer of a trial with **Wolverhampton Wanderers** of England, which was to be organised by Altona City coach **Joe Wilson**, a former long-serving Wolves player...

Despite these lucrative offers, Krcicovic still sees more glamour in the green and gold of the Socceroo than the flash and sparkle of the Sounders.

Eddie Krcicovic was born in Geelong, Victoria on August 14, 1960. He's 18 years old but already has represented his country, been on three overseas soccer tours and had a club splash out more than \$10,000 for his services.

Not bad for a player who was playing State League reserve soccer in 1977!

Today he has the world at his feet.

Has the rise to fame affected Krcicovic?

"No way," he answers resolutely. "I'm not on any star trip, or taking a big-headed attitude. Soccer's my life and I'm taking success as it comes."

"Living in Sydney is hard at times because I miss my family and my friends. But my dad has always wanted me to be successful in soccer and is right behind me.

"If I saw one of my friends on the street, there's no way I wouldn't talk to him because I'm Eddie Krcicovic of Marconi. I haven't changed at all."

Krcicovic started his career as a junior with Corio in Geelong. Later, when his family moved to the big

smoke' — Melbourne — he played with Croatia Melbourne.

In 1972 Croatia Melbourne was expelled from the Victorian Soccer Federation, so Krcicovic joined Juventus where he played for three years as a junior.

He represented Victoria in the under 13, 14 and 16 age groups, during which time he started his soccer travels.

One year it was Orange, New South Wales, then down to Tasmania the next. They were minor juniors compared with Eddie's globe-trotting these days.

In the under 16 State championships held in Victoria, Krcicovic scored eight goals, but Victoria could manage only third place.

In the under 14 championships, Krcicovic played against **Craig Johnston** of New South Wales. Johnston is now making a name for himself with First Division club Middlesbrough.

Krcicovic joined the re-grouped Croatia as a 16-year-old. During 1977, he spent most of his time in the reserve team, with the occasional appearance on the substitute's bench for the first team.

At the beginning of 1978, Essendon Croatia sold centre forward **George McMILLION** to Preston Makedonia for \$6,000 which paved the way for Krcicovic.

He played his first game against **Hakoah** in the Ampol Cup. Essendon won 2-0.

Two games later Eddie scored his first goal in the State League in a 3-1 victory over **George Cross**.

Then, in the semi-finals, he stunned everyone with a four-goal performance against **Abilene Rovers**. Croatia won 4-1, and the 17-year-old striker was suddenly a star.

Krcicovic said he owes a lot to **John Gardiner**, the Croatia coach at the time.

"John gave me a lot of confidence," said Eddie. "He gave me the chance to get established in the team and helped me tremendously at training. He showed what he wanted me to do and I learned a lot."

Krcicovic, however, is not being disrespectful to Gardiner when he praises Gutendorf as the man who helped him most.

"There's no better coach in Australia than Gutendorf," said Eddie. "He's so professional in everything he does, especially with training. He improved my game with his coaching."

Eddie's first season in the State League was interrupted by injury. In a game against Altona City he suffered a broken leg.

The injury ruled him out of the Australian youth championships of 1978 which were played in Brisbane.

More worrying to Krcicovic was that he could miss the Australia Schoolboys tour of America.

"I thought I could recover for the trip to the States," he said, "but I wasn't fully fit. I made the tour anyway, and got away with being less than 100% fit."

Eddie's love for soccer was evident at this time. He had left school at 15 to do a hairdressing apprenticeship but gave up his job to return to school that would qualify for the schoolboys trip.

He now works in Ray Richardson's Sports Shop.

Comparing the schoolboys tour with the 1978 team's trip to South America, Eddie said: "The schoolboys tour was more like a holiday. We had a fair bit of free time and all the players enjoyed themselves. This showed up on the field, because we played well."

"On the Paraguay trip, the players weren't as happy. It was an official tour and pretty strict. When the arrangements were changed and changed, and a lot of the players became sick, things were made worse."

The injury during 1978, plus the time away in the States meant Krcicovic missed a lot of Croatia's games. In all he played 21 games and scored 16 goals.

At the end of 1978 came the tour to New Zealand for World Youth Cup preliminary games, followed by the Paraguay jaunt in early 1979.

Earlier this season, Krcicovic signed with Marconi and was later transferred to Essendon.

The pressure is now on Krcicovic to perform but whatever he achieves, he has shown Australia does have young players capable of success at all levels. Young players like Eddie are the raw materials with which a strong soccer nation can be built.

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EUROPEAN CUP



Up for the European Cup! Garry Birtles (left) heads clear in a packed Nottingham Forest defence during the English club's European Cup game against Grasshoppers Zurich in Switzerland. Other Forest players (from left) are Ian Boyer, Garry Mills, Archie Gemmill, John O'Hare and Viv Anderson.

Wisla dumped by part-time Malmoe

Malmo, the part-timers from Sweden, sent Polish champion Wisla Krakow flying out of the European Cup with a magnificent, but unexpected 4-1 home win.

With the score standing at 0-0 at half time, Wisla looked set for a place in the semi-finals, but Malmoe's Anders-Ljungberg had different ideas.

Ljungberg scored a brilliant second half hat trick to spur Malmoe to a 4-1 victory in front of the home's own fans.

After winning 2-1 in Poland, Wisla was expected to hold on to its advantage, but this was not to be.

Joining Malmoe in the semi-finals are Austria Wien, Nottingham Forest and FC Cologne of West Germany. The Cologne v Rangers quarter final second leg was postponed because of Arctic weather in Glasgow, but Cologne drew 1-1 the next day.

Cologne won the first leg in West Germany 1-0, and progressed through on 2-1 aggregate.

Nottingham Forest moved closer to becoming the fourth English club to win the European Cup when it accounted for Grasshoppers Zurich.

Holding a comfortable 4-1 lead from the first leg in Nottingham, Brian Clough's men gave a professional display to draw 1-1 in Zurich, and progress through 5-2 on aggregate.

If Forest can win the European Cup, it will be able to arrange a suitable swap deal with Liverpool. The Red Devils look certain to win the League Championship,

Forest can lift the European Trophy, which currently rests in Liverpool's trophy room.

Wien was beaten 1-0 by Dynamo Dresden in East Germany, but won 3-2 on aggregate.

Borussia Moenchengladbach of West Germany final laid their English jinx when they bundled Manchester City out of the UEFA cup.

Gladbach beat City 3-1 in their quarter-final second leg clash to qualify comfortably for the semi-finals on a 4-2 aggregate.

Goals by Christian Kullik, Hans-Guenter Bruno and Karl-Dieter Bell have sealed the English Club's fate with some 20 minutes still to play.

The Manchester club pulled one back in the 79th minute through Polish substitute Kazimierz Deyna — with Brian Kidd and Colin Bell one of three internationals on the City bench — but by then it was a long lost cause for the English club, whose defence had been cut to ribbons by the skilful Germans.

The victory was all the sweeter for Borsig, the 1978 UEFA Cup champions, because English clubs have always beaten them in the past. Their most notable conqueror being Liverpool, who beat them in the European Cup Final two years ago and in the Semi-Final last year.

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(Australia) 0 (halftime 1-0). Austria Wien won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Glasgow, Rangers (Scotland) 1. Cologne (West Germany) 1 (half time 0-0). FC Cologne won 2-1 on aggregate.

In Malmö: Malmö (Sweden) 4-1. Wisla Krakow (Poland) 1 (halftime 0-0). Malmö won 2-0 on aggregate.

In Zurich: Grasshoppers Zurich (Switzerland) 1 — Nottingham Forest (England) 1 (halftime 0-0). Nottingham won 2-0 on aggregate.

CUP WINNERS' CUP:

In Ostrava: Bank Ostrava (Czechoslovakia) 4 FC Magdeburg (West Germany) 2. Magdeburg won on away goals rule.

In Beerschot (Belgium) 1 — Inter Milan (Italy) 0 (halftime 0-0). Beerschot won 1-0 on aggregate.

In Barcelona: Barcelona (Spain) 1 — Ipswich Town (England) 0 (halftime 1-0). Aggregate score 2-2; Barcelona won on away goals rule.

In Geneva: Servette Geneva (Switzerland) 1 — Fortuna Dusseldorf (West Germany) 1 (halftime 0-0). Aggregate score 1-1; Fortuna won on away goals rule.

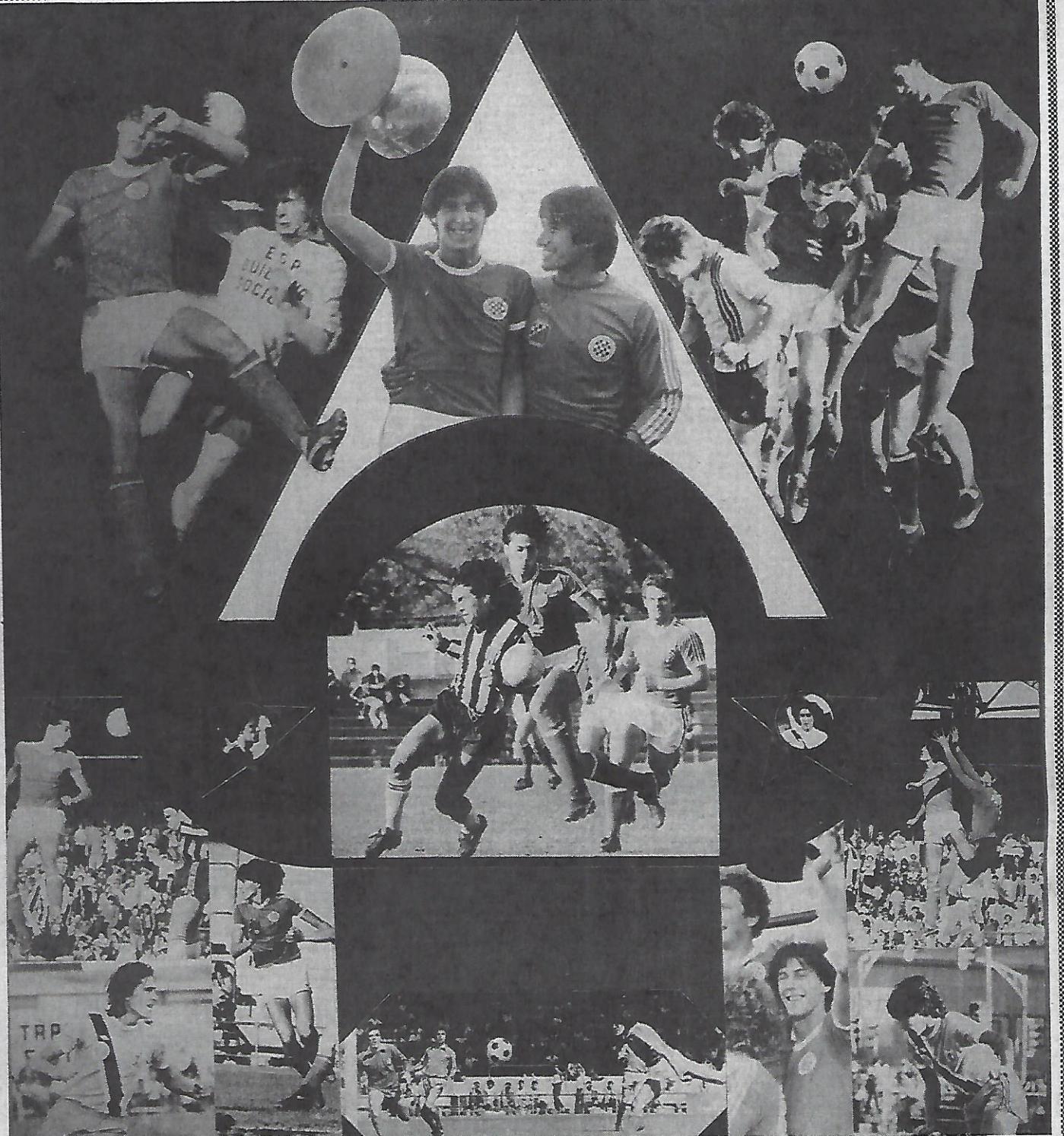
UEFA CUP:

In Delitzsch: MSV Delitzsch (West Germany) 2 (halftime 1-1). — Aggregates 4-4. Delitzsch won on away goals rule.

In Birmingham: West Bromwich Albion 3 Red Star Belgrade 1 (halftime 1-1). — Aggregates 5-2; Belgrade won 2-0 on aggregate.

In Prague: Dukla Prague (Czechoslovakia) 1 — Hertha Berlin (West Germany) 2 (halftime 1-1). Hertha won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Mönchengladbach: Borussia Mönchengladbach 3 Manchester



A pictorial tribute to Australian youth international Eddie Krncevic, by "Soccer Action" photographer SAM BELFONTE. Top left: beating Frankston's Eric Gillespie in the air. Top centre: With Yakka Banovic after winning the Victorian Ampol Cup with Essendon Croatia. Top right: up in the air against

George Cross. Centre: bustling Sergio Melita of Adelaide City. Bottom centre: heading for goal against Hakoah, whose goalkeeper Bill Whiteside and full back John Daperis are at left.

U.S. a power in 10 years : NASL

From Jim Cook

Phil Woosnam, the former West Ham, Aston Villa, Orient and Walsall player turned who is Commissioner of the North American Soccer League, was recently in London and is convinced that in 10 years' time the USA will be a real world power in the game.

Now 24 teams strong, the NASL estimates there are now two million youngsters between the ages of 8 and 18 actively playing soccer in the States. Every NASL club has had two US players and Woosnam reckons next year the local content will grow to three and a couple of 12 times.

Norwich City has unearthed another colored star in central midfield, Jason Farnham, who is 17 and was born in London of Nigerian and Guyanese parents, but was brought up in Dr Barnardo's homes. Farnham is a current member of England's youth team and already has made his first team appearance for Norwich.

Tony Reynolds one of England's top referees, is quitting the Whistle job in the North American Soccer League. Reynolds, who has been continued in England until his 47th.

Ivan Bofill of Southampton was the first foreigner to play in a Wembley final when his club met Notts Forest in the League Cup final.

Scottish Premier League side Dundee United has an astonishing party - kick record since the major league came into being. United has been awarded 32 penalties... and managed to bulge the back of the net only a miserably 12 times.

Billy Wright, the former Wolves and England all-time great, is now head of ATC Sports.

Things have started hotting up for the World Cup in Spain. An information file has already been sent out which includes competition for a World Cup mascot.

Scotland's long throw-in expert is Ian Jordine the 6ft 2 in centre half of Kilmarnock. Ian can reach a colleague's head 40 yards away and is still improving.

Deadline for transfers is fast approaching and many players are ex-

pecting to move in the next couple of weeks.

Duncan McKeand, currently with Chelsea who is considering a 12,000 pound move to Second Division, Blackburn, has signed a deal over £10,000 pounds has changed hands for McKeand's moves which have taken him to Notts Forest, Leeds, Anderlecht, Everton and Chelsea. Queens Park Rangers now bid for him. Former League Division striker Paul Brannock, Graham Day, the Bristol Rovers defender, could join Portland Timbers in America for 50,000 pounds.

Shrewsbury Town's Cup hero Steve Chapman is likely to join Tuna in America once his club is out of the FA Cup.

Bristol Rovers are bidding 50,000 pounds for Ipswich wingie Mick Lamb.

Coventry may yet fork out the 800,000 pounds for Charlton striker Mike Flanagan who is in dispute with the club after failing to join New England Teemen in USA.

Birmingham City boss Jim Smith has signed out some of the million he got for Trevor Francis, but Smith is not revealing names.

Portsmouth, managed by former Peacock player Ron Newmarch, is trying to sign Peru's Guillermo and he has also had talks with Gerd Muller.

Veteran John Pratt of Spurs could be on the move. Millwall, Orient and Luton are all interested.

Arsenal, Spurs and QPR are all reported to be in the 400,000 pounds chase for Sunderland's striker Gary Howell.

NEW-WAVE SOCCER A HIT IN BRAZIL

TOP-class soccer in Europe and South America is often accused of being too dull and defensive. The reason most frequently cited is that the rules of the game are too restrictive and too easily manipulated by players out to get the result they want.

To prove the point, a Brazilian TV station recently sponsored an experimental game, played under a drastically revised set of rules. The result was a 5-5 draw, and in the opinion of many observers, a greatly improved spectacle.

The new rules were:

• Off-side was limited to the penalty areas, instead of the whole of the opposition's half.

• Playing time was 30 minutes each way (instead of 45), with the clock stopped when the ball was out.

• Kick-ins replaced throw-ins when the ball went out.

• Two referees officiated, one in each half.

• After five fouls, a penalty from which a goal is almost certain, was awarded.

The players' famous names from past and present, found the rules difficult to adapt to, but there was a marked reduction in violence and in defensive play.

Sadly, the game is likely to have little effect on conservative-minded FIFA, the game's world governing body, however much it may have appealed to Brazil's goal-starved spectators.

One country whose spectators might welcome a few more goals is Italy. Of the eight First Division matches played on Sunday, March 11, no fewer than five were 0-0 draws – and the other results were 1-0, 2-0 and 3-1; a total of seven goals from the country's top 16 clubs.

League leader AC Milan has managed just 34 goals in 21 matches.

Cesar Luis Menotti, who coached Argentina to its World Cup victory last year, is to stay on as national team manager. The chain-smoking Menotti quit at the end of last year in a row over his salary but has now been persuaded to continue and build a new side for the 1982 competition in Spain. Mexico, which fared disastrously in last year's tournament, has appointed Jose Mondejar as its new manager. He was previously in charge of the country's youth team.

A poll conducted by a Bogota newspaper has revealed that 52.6 per cent of its readers are opposed to staging the 1986 World Cup in Colombia, in the mountains of cost. Colombia is looking more and more unlikely to host the Cup. If the number of teams participating in Spain in 1982 goes up from its present 16 to 24, FIFA

may decide that Colombia does not have enough facilities to cater for the increased demands that would be made on it.

Runaway soccer star Mike Flanagan, voted the NASL's Most Valuable Player last year for his performances with New England Teemen, is unlikely to be returning to the club this summer. Flanagan has walked out on London club Charlton Athletic over the way his permanent transfer to the USA has been handled. He wants to go back to the Teemen, but a better offer has come from Tampa Bay Rowdies.

Now the deadline set by the English Football League for the Teemen to agree terms for the transfer has expired, and any option they had on his services expires with it. Flanagan's only option is to go to the USA, but he is adamant he will not do so. As Charlton has him under contract for two more years, he could be out of the game for that period of time.

FRANK PINES 0
POLONIA 1

Goal: Gawlik penalty 42nd.
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FRANKSTON PINES: Radov 8 -

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Wilson 6 - Irvine 7, Calma 6, Lewis 5 (Timmer 4), Kotsos 4, Cameron 7 -

Stephens 8, Jelacic 6.

POLONIA: Ozialekowksi 7 -

Wazala 5, Peter 6, Gawlik 7, Rac-

kawski 8 - Horlinak 8, Kotar 7,

Capnik 6 - Lomax 6, Esposto 5 (Hart 6, Hart 6, Hart 6), Pichler 5

(Antonello 7) 6th.

Frankston Pines maintained the ag-

gressive, go-getting approach that had

given it victory over Albion Rovers in

the previous round, but lost on a pen-

alty.

Polonia pushed the ball around nicely

in defence and midfield, but showed little attacking ability. Whatever shots

Polonia did manage were held con-

firmly by Pines' excellent goalkeeper

Branko Radov.

George Malpoin should have put

Pines into the lead in the 20th minute

but he missed the ball which had been

passed to him by Calma who had

outplayed an opponent.

A few minutes later a bad kick-in

from Lassez Dzialekowksi went

straight to Melita who allowed it

over the line to score.

With the Polonia forces falling

badly, it was only midfielder Ron

Horlinak who threatened the goal. He was

foiled by Radov's good save after a

a few more saves by John

Pater in defence.

Polonia struggled another good

move which saw the ball going in

to the keeper to Peter Capnik to Mike

Pezzino 7, who then went straight

into the goal area but Brian Pauleing

saved with a fine clearing header.

Left back Ted Rachewald, who

was one of Polonia's best players, twice

tried to break up some attacks with

tackles inside the penalty area, the

second of them ended in a foul.

Despite broke clear from the half

line on a long ball from Jan Gawlik,

and was leading in the race for goal but

Radov's save from the edge of the

area to kick the ball clear.

Polonia took the lead in the 42nd

minute. Kotar pushed the ball to

Czaplinski 7, who passed it to the man

who had just become a defender, so referee Nick Kardich awarded a

penalty. Gawlik took it and scored.

Then Pezzino squared a ball to Hor-

linak who put it over the bar from 15

metres.

Joe Herman replaced Ralph Espo-

sto at centre forward for Polonia at

half time. Herman added a bit of brwon

to the attack but he is grossly over-

weight.

Polonia goalkeeper Ozialekowksi

was injured in a clash with Pines' hard-

working striker Graham Shepherd and

limped badly for the rest of the match.

It was a goalless match except a save

from a 25-metre drive by Calma.

Radov made an equally good save at

the other end from a Gawlik free kick

that curved around the defensive wall

but hit the post.

Polonia looked all set for its second

goal as Brendan Lekic got into the

area with the ball at his feet but

George Wilson came stamping in from

nowhere to clear the ball.

A header by Shadrack beat Dziale-

kowksi in the 80th minute but Rac-

iwalski headed off the line and then

coach Tommy Radenski sent sweeper

Mike Wilson into attack in a desperate

last-ditch effort to equalise the

goal which never came. — C. A. SCHWAB.

McArthur back at Albion

Former Essendon Croatia

coach Bill McArthur has re-

turned to Albion Rovers, the club

he lifted into the State League.

McArthur accepted Albion's offer

and agreed to terms last

Thursday after the sudden resigna-

tion of Mike Lynn.

Lynn resigned for personal rea-

sons. The main factor is a job offer in

NSW.

Lyons is currently employed as

an administrative officer with Uni-

versity of Melbourne. He will take

a similar position in Sydney.

McArthur said he had the chal-

lenge to prove the sceptics who

have written Albion off wrong.

On the subject of coaching, he

expressed bitterness with the way

he had been outed at Croatia.

"To this day," he said, "I

haven't been told by Croatia that I

was no longer wanted as coach.

Last year, I read in a daily paper

that Croatia was looking for a

coach, and that was news to me."

— KYLE PATTERSON

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SECRETARY: L. Sartoretto (02) 604 5222.

COACH: L. Scheinflug.

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park.



This week's Match: v ADELAIDE CITY at Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIAN AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

GENERAL MANAGER: L. Bordacs (02) 269 2745.

COACH: J. Gelei.

GROUND: St George Stadium, Rockdale

COLOURS: White, Red & Green.



This week's Match: v SYDNEY CITY at St George Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

BOX A181 SYDNEY SOUTH, N.S.W., 2000

SECRETARY: N. Smilas (Bus) (02) 72 0661.

COACH: J. Marston.

GROUND: Pratton Park, Ashfield.

SPONSOR: 



This week's Match: v BRISBANE CITY at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.

A.P.I.A. LEICHARDT

38-42 FRAZER ST., LEICHARDT 4040.

SECRETARY: H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688

COACH: J. Adam.

GROUND: Wentworth Park, Glebe. Phone (02) 660 7431.

COLOURS: Burgundy & Sky Blue.

This week's Match: v NEWCASTLE KB UNITED at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



61 HALL ST., BONDI, NSW.

SECRETARY: H. K. Lakmaker (02) 30 3344

(Mornings). 663 4576 (Afternoons).

COACH: G. Chaldi.

GROUND: Wentworth Park Glebe, NSW Phone (02) 660 7431.

SPONSOR: Presto Smallgoods and City Ford.



This week's Match: v ST GEORGE at St George Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.